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Analytical Laboratory of the Ministry of Foreign Trade

1. The analytical laboratory of the Ministry of Foreign Trade is located on Veslets Street in Sofia and is responsible for the analysis of foodstuffs intended for export and of various imported chemicals. The Ministry has a number of similar laboratories in the provincial towns. The laboratory on Veslets Street, which formerly worked for a number of years for the Ministry of Finance, is one of the oldest in Bulgaria. Its staff of 10 consists of a director, Petăr Stoyanov who is a chemical engineer, five assistant chemists, two laboratory assistants, and two technical assistants.
2. The Ministry sends duplicate samples of foodstuffs intended for export to the laboratory for analysis; these foodstuffs include tomato extract, apple and plum jams, canned fruit, onions, wine extracts, and canned vegetables. Various chemicals, such as sodium carbonate, ammonium sulphate, ammonium chloride, tanning extracts for the leather industry, organic dyes for the textile and leather industries, sodium hydroxide, superphosphates for fertilizers, and borax (from Italy), which had been imported in large quantities were also sent for analysis.

Miscellaneous Laboratories in Sofia

3. Other laboratories and research institutes include:
 - a. A biological institute of the Ministry of Health in Sofia;²
 - b. A geological research institute of the Ministry of Mines in Sofia;³
 - c. A laboratory of the rubber industry in the Paduene quarter of Sofia;
 - d. A special laboratory for research in connection with the production of rose oil; and

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e. A laboratory of the Cooperatives Center in Sofia.

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